was asked to examine the feasibility of allotting land for construction of residential complexes/flats for MPs either directly or through the aegis of cooperative societies.

(f) No, Sir. In view of reply to (e), formation of a Committee has not been considered necessary.

Norms for mega cities/satellite townships

2776. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have revised the norms for mega city projects/ satellite townships;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof; and

(c) whether Government have earmarked a huge sum for development of infrastructure in the mega cities/statellite townships and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINSTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Central Government has not revised norms for the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Infrastructure Development in mega cities.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is a proposal to establish National Urban Renewal Mission for select cities for providing reforms linked central assistance for infrastructural development of select cities. Details in this regard have not been finalized.

Obstacles in speedy urbanisation

2777. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the land ceiling policy of the State comes in the way of speedy urbanisation and industrialization; and

(b) if so, what plan are in the store to mitigate these difficulties?

THE MINSTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Urban Land (Ceiling & Regulation) Act, 1976 has been repealed by Parliament in 1999. It is for the State Governments to take appropriate steps to adopt Repeal Act in respective State. Eight States have already adopted the Repeal Act. The Central Government has been impressing upon the State Governments to implement certain urban reforms including repeal of the Urban Land Ceiling Act by incentivising them through Urban Reforms Incentive Fund (URIF).

Funds allocated to NER under SJSRY

2778. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the financial allocation made by Government under Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rozgar Yojana for the States of the North-Eastern Region during the last three years;

(b) whether the funds allotted for NER during this period have been utilised;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) the details of the achievements made in this respect; and

(e) the details of the targets fixed under the scheme for NER during the year 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The funds allocated/released to the North-Eastern States including Sikkim during the last three years are as follows:

(Rs. in lakhs)

2002-2003		2003-04		2004-05	
Allocation	Released	Alloaction	Released	Allocation	Released
1016.04	319.44	1050.00	1050.00	1030.00	1130.00

(b) and (c) During the year 2002-03, out of the total allocation of Rs. 1016.04 lakhs, funds could not be released fully to the North Eastern